

*1915 - 2015: PCNS is celebrating 100 years!*



**1188<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society  
7:30PM Wednesday April 22, 2015  
Building C, Fort Mason  
San Francisco, California**

**Minor Keith:  
How to build an empire on  
railroads and bananas.**

**Federico Castillo**

## *1187<sup>th</sup> meeting, March 25, 2015*

Bill Hyder delivered his talk, **1898 Semi-Centennial of California Gold Discovery.**

Bill discussed the exonumia, badges and so-called dollars, issued to commemorate the parade and Mining Fair held in San Francisco to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the discovery of gold in California.

Schwaab Stamp and Seal in Wisconsin produced most of the souvenir badges. Irvine & Co. made the official souvenir badge that was designed by Walter Brunt & Co. The parade ran down Market Street on January 24, 1898 led by mounted San Francisco police and the Army U.S. Signal Corps. The Society of California Pioneers came next followed by nearly five miles of floats and participants. Bill's collection includes 13 different badges with several variants and a pick and shovel pin produced for the Miner's Day at the Jubilee Mining Fair.

Why do we know so little about the 1898 celebrations? The Maine blew up in Havana Harbor the same week the fair opened. The semi-centennial celebration was quickly forgotten as the Nation's attention turned to war.

### *Exhibits:*

Jerry displayed a sterling silver ashtray with a 1930 British Trade Dollar forming its base.

Federico shared a Phoenix, Arizona Latino badge and two Guatemalan Industrial medals.

Michael exhibited an 89 mm General Winfield Scott 1847 war medal and a J. Walker's California Vinegar Bitters shell card.

Herb shared a 1941 City of Seattle amusement game license.

Dan displayed a variety of medals designed by the Swedish artist, Lea Ahlborn.

Bill shared a 1964 Roseville, California centennial medal.

### *Raffle:*

Jason won a group of Cable Car slide and a pinback, 2 wooden nickels from the Cable Car Museum, and 2 Cable Car medals.

Bob won a Cable Car money clip and a Cable Car Lions Club fob.

Ken won a silver and bronze Cable Car medal set, 2 Cable Car medals, and 2 CSNA Cable Car medals.

Bill won two sets of two Cable Car medals.

Do you have **PCNS Memorabilia** that others might find interesting? We want to hear from you.

Contact Jerry at [jschim40@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jschim40@sbcglobal.net)

***PCNS 100th Anniversary Banquet***

*will be held on  
Saturday  
September 26, 2015*

*Argonaut Hotel  
495 Jefferson Street, San Francisco*

*Details coming soon.*

***SAVE THE DATE!***

***New Members:***

Jeff Shevlin applied for membership.

Jason Macario was accepted for membership at the March meeting.

***2015 meeting Schedule:***

May 27, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

***June 20, 2015: Luncheon at Dan's in Tibiron.***

July 22, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

August 26, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

**September 26, 2015: 100th Anniversary Banquet TBD**

October 28, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

November 25, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

December 23, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason



## PCNS 100th Anniversary Medal

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society has announced design and ordering information for their 100th Anniversary Medal. This medal will be engraved and struck by Daniel Carr of the Moonlight Mint in Colorado, and distributed this Fall to subscribers who pre-order by June. The design for this historic medal revisits the PPIE commemorative designs and continues the Society's traditional octagonal logo with a new high-relief die. (Images shown for design info are not actual photos.) Mintage will be limited to prepaid orders received by the Society by June 2015. The octagonal 41mm medal will be struck in silver, with coppers available only as part of the 2-medal set (1 copper + 1 one-ounce silver).

Orders with payment, \$100 per set or \$75 silver only, plus \$6 postage, must reach the Society by June at: PCNS, Box 475656, San Francisco, CA 94147.

PCNS was founded in 1915, by Farran Zerbe and a group of San Francisco collectors, during the Panama Pacific International Exposition. It was the first numismatic organization established in the western United States. PCNS hosted the American Numismatic Association's 1915 Convention in San Francisco, in conjunction with PPIE events.

